43. The passive safety mechanism of claim 41 wherein said blocking means provides alignment to said triggerbar.

44. The passive safety mechanism of claim 41 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

45. The passive safety mechanism of claim 43 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

46. The passive safety mechanism of claim 41 wherein normal operation of said firearm is precluded when said blocking means is removed.

47. The passive safety mechanism of claim 41 wherein normal operation of said firearm is precluded when said connecting means is removed.

48. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and

b. a connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger.

49. The passive safety mechanism of claim 48 wherein said connecting means connects said trigger to said triggerbar.

50. The passive safety mechanism of claim 48 wherein said connecting means is a slidable link.

51. The passive safety mechanism of claim 49 wherein said connecting means is a slidable link.

52. The passive safety mechanism of claim 49 wherein said connecting means provides pivot means for said triggerbar.

53. In a handgun having a frame, a sear, and a firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking means to block said firing element;

characterized in that said blocking means is located in a frame recess accessible from the rear of said frame.

54. The passive safety mechanism of claim 53 wherein said blocking means acts directly upon a sear catch of said firing element.